

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
United Community Corporation
Fabyan Swim Club
July 25, 1968

Two minutes of silent prayer in memoriam to our late President, Dr. Timothy Still.

BUDGET & FINANCE
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Odom stated that Dr. Still, prior to his passing, had appointed Mr. Charles Garrison as chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee and had not had a

chance to present this to the Board for confirmation. It was his feeling that this ought to be confirmed at this meeting. So moved, seconded and passed.

TEAM TRIPARTITE

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Dr. Odom stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Rev. Kinmoth Jefferson who had served on this board and also as a representative of UCC on the TEAM tripartite board. Mr. Jefferson has been named to a new position and has communicated to the Board the fact that he will have to relinquish his position on the TEAM Board and soon this Board. He has served the TEAM Board with great distinction and served as its first president and we regret losing his services.

The chairman opened the floor for nominations. The following persons were nominated:

Leon Ewing
Thurman Smith
Willie Wright

MOTION

It was moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed.

Mayor Addonizio stated that it was his understanding that the city has representatives on the Tripartite Board and that Mr. Ewing's name should be withdrawn. The maker of this nomination withdrew the name of Leon Ewing.

A request was made for the names of the UCC representatives to the Tripartite Board. The following persons were named: Dorothy Cole, Leroy Hush, Marie Gonzales, Dean C.W. Heckel and Rev. Kinmoth Jefferson.

Mayor Addonizio suggested that the representative come directly from the community and asked the city representatives to refrain from voting.

Mr. Wright stated that he resigned from the TEAM Board some time ago and declined the nomination.

Mrs. Stalks stated that it should be spelled out that because of the Board's composition, the community should submit their own representatives. It is important that

each section have their own representatives of the TEAM Board.

It was explained that Thurman Smith is an employee of TEAM and therefore ineligible for nomination. In view of the fact that those nominated either declined or were ineligible, the floor was re-opened for nominations. The following person was nominated: Jose Rosaio - declined.

Dr. Odom suggested that since many members did not know this was an item on the agenda, that we table this until the next meeting. So moved, seconded and passed.

ELECTION OF UCC PRESIDENT The following persons were nominated: Willie Wright and Rev. Levin West.

Mrs. Goldsberry raised a question on a meeting held last night prior to this meeting tonight. The chair ruled Mrs. Goldsberry out of order.

MOTION It was moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed.

A question was raised if it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee for holding the election tonight. The chair stated yes. It was asked did the Board accept that recommendation. Several members said no. Dr. Odom stated that the Executive Committee met yesterday and did vote to recommend to the Board that the vacancy of our presidency should be filled forthwith at this meeting. A motion to affirm that recommendation is in order.

MOTION Mr. Napier moved that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be accepted and nominations as carried to this Board be valid and nominations continue. Seconded.

Mr. Mabray stated that as a member of the Executive Board, he did not oppose the motion at the Executive Board meeting and felt we are rushing this important election. There are certain functions that should be carried out and we should have a president as soon as possible, but it would be rushing to have this done tonight because there are people who have not had a chance to reflect on who they really want.

Mr. Hush stated that he feels the same way and it is time we find out what the community really wants. Mr. Means requested that the motion be read and spoke against the motion because there was too much confusion. The motion was read by the recording secretary. Mrs. Thomas stated that she has been here for four years and everytime this corporation got in trouble, very little of this board was backing it. The magic of the whole thing is what the people want and how they feel about who is there.

MOTION The question was called and carried. A division on the original motion was called, and the following count was taken.

Those in Favor of an election: 24
Opposed to an election: 10

The chairman stated that nominations are now open. Mr. Wright declined the nomination.

MOTION: Mr. Napier moved that new nominations be made and the others declared null and void. Seconded and passed. The following were nominated: Rev. West and Willie Wright. It was moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed. Mr. Wright thanked the gentleman who nominated him and said he can better serve the needs of his people in his present position and declined the nomination.

MOTION It was moved that a single vote be cast by the secretary for Rev. West as president of UCC. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Pierce raised a question on the election of a vice president.

Mr. Danzig nominated Mrs. Larrie Stalks. Mrs. Stalks thanked Mr. Danzig for his nomination for vice president and declined.

Mr. Turco nominated Jose Rosario. Mr. Rosario accepted the nomination.

MOTION Mr. Napier moved that nominations be closed on said name. Seconded and passed. It was moved that a single vote be cast by the secretary for Mr. Rosario as a vice president of UCC. Seconded and passed.

Rev. West stated that he will try to work with everybody and each organization in the city of Newark no matter what their color. He will go to administer to the needs of the people. His home will be open 24 hours a day to help everyone and will work with everybody to bring about the solidarity that Tim Still would want us to have.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Odom stated that most of us here would rather have come to this meeting at this place without this agenda.

The last time we gathered in this spot for a meeting, Tim Still was a speaker from this platform at the time we opened this facility for use by the poor youth of this community. Ten days after that, his testimonial at the Robert Treat and three days later, he was dead. Working with Tim was a privilege. No one suffered a more terrible sense of shock that I when told that he had suddenly passed. The decision to move quickly to fill his position was a sound one. For if I knew Tim from working with him, it would have been his desire that this organization close ranks quickly and carry on the war on poverty. He feels that Rev. West and Mr. Rosario, along with the other officers whom they will join, will give the kind of leadership that will move this organization forward and he is willing to give to them

the same quality support and devotion given to Dr. Still during his incumbency as the president.

Rev. West is a young man full of energy and ideas. Any hope of success that he may have in the presidency will have to have the support of this Board. He has the heart, mind, training and dedication and will to work and needs our help and support. This night will be the beginning of a new chapter for this corporation and for this town.

The chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. So moved, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Henry

Present: Rev. Levin B. West, acting president, presiding;
Hon. Hugh J. Addonizio, Mrs. Larrie W. Stalks,
Mr. Louis Danzig, Dr. Franklyn P. Titus, Dr.
C. Richard Weinberg, Hon. James T. Callaghan,
Hon. Calvin D. West, Hon. Frank Addonizio,
Hon. Lee Bernstein, Hon. Irvine I. Turner, Hon.
Joseph Melillo, Hon. Louis M. Turco, Hon. Leon
Ewing, Mr. Charles W. Garrison, Mr. Francis S.
Quillan, Msgr. Joseph A. Dooling, Rev. Kinmoth W.
Jefferson, Mr. Thomas F. Edwards, Mr. Jose Rosario,
Mr. Willie Wright, Mr. Fred Means, Mrs. Estelle
Pierce, Mr. Leroy Hush, Mrs. Louise Jarrett,
Mr. Oscar Stafford, Mrs. Edna Thomas, Mrs. Esta
Williams, Mrs. Lettie Goldsberry, Mr. Joseph
Price, Mrs. Dora Mazur, Mr. George Napier,
Mrs. Cora Givens, Mr. Allan Trent, Mr. Charles
Mabray, Mrs. Rena Kelly, Miss Ruth Guffy,
Mr. Granville Marshall

Members Not
Present

Mr. Ralph T. Geller, Hon. Ralph A. Villani,
Mr. Saul Schwarz, Mr. Edward A. Kirk, Mrs.
Barbara Stafford